

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Office Action stated that claims 1-15, claims 16-20; and claims 21-26 are distinct inventions, each from the other.

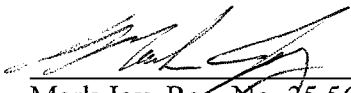
In response to the Office Action, applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-15, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants, however, reserve the right to present the non-elected claims in this or any other appropriate application.

CONCLUSION

The application is now in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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